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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Hans-Ulrich MAIER and Joachim ROHDE  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RECOVERING DATA IN A DATA  
PROCESSING SYSTEM  
**Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT**  
Sughrue Ref. Q77163

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising ten (10) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), with three (3) references. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/00991, filed March 19, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>11</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Germany	101 132 56.5	March 19, 2001

**The priority document will be filed at a later date.**

**Since the due date for filing a continuation of the PCT Application fell on Friday, September 19, 2003 and the U.S.P.T.O was closed Thursday and Friday due to inclement weather conditions, the filing of this application on Monday, September 22, 2003, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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